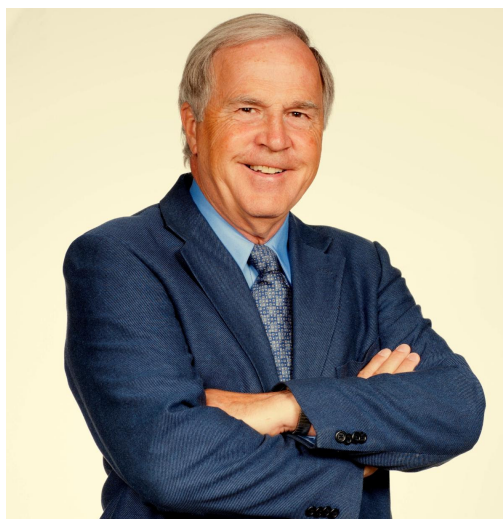


## Remembering an Iowa historian

Tom Morain, who led the State Historical Society of Iowa from 1995 to 2001 and helped make Living History Farms a national destination during his tenure there from 1981 to 1995, passed away on Oct. 10 in Lamoni. His [obituary](#) notes that he received the society's Petersen-Harlan Lifetime Achievement Award for his enthusiastic devotion to Iowa history, which is evident in a [lecture](#) Iowa PBS recorded in 2012. He finished his career at Graceland University.



If you have memories of Tom you'd like to share for an evolving [digital scrapbook](#), feel free to [email his son Michael](#), who manages communications for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Tom leaves behind an impressive legacy and will be missed by many. Iowa and Iowans have lost a trusted history advocate, but his passion for Iowa history lives on through his family, students, colleagues and anyone lucky enough to have heard one of his many stories about our great state.

— Susan Kloewer, Administrator, State  
Historical Society of Iowa

## Grants for Derecho Relief

Iowa museums, historic sites and other cultural organizations affected by this summer's derecho storm may be eligible for funding from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. Grants up to \$5,000 are



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intended to support Iowa humanities organizations impacted by the storm, including museums, historic properties, preservation and historical organizations, and community and cultural organizations located in the designated disaster-relief area, according to criteria from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Funding is made possible through a Chairman's Grant for Disaster Mitigation from the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency.

### Loess Hills National Scenic Byway



Need a reason to get out and enjoy fall's splendid colors? Discover the Loess Hills, which were formed by unusual deposits of wind-swept dust and abound with both the natural beauty and rich history of Iowa's western frontier. Find this tour and more on the Iowa Culture App or [dcaapp.com](http://dcaapp.com).

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### Iowa History 101: Glendale Cemetery



Join historian Kate Levasseur for a webinar about the history of the Iowa capital's grand old Glendale Cemetery. She will share a few stories about its famous and not-so-famous inhabitants, from World War I soldiers to political leaders to others whose names rarely show up in the history books. Noon on Oct. 22 via Zoom.

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## New Grants for Rural Revitalization

In case you missed it, Iowa became one of only eight states to receive a federal grant to help rural communities revitalize historic properties and, in doing so, preserve local



*Pictured: The Hitchcock House in Lewis, Iowa, was a stop on the Underground Railroad.*

heritage and foster economic development. The State Historic Preservation Office recently received \$600,000 to redistribute in historic preservation grants, funded by a \$4.8 million grant from the National Park Service's Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program.

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*Iowa's local governments and nonprofits that own properties on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to apply for grants ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000. Application guidelines will be posted soon at [iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov).*

## **Students Unveil New Marker at Abbie Gardner Cabin**

Last week, Shayla Hunefeld (pictured) and some of her students at Graettinger-Terril and Ruthven-Ayrshire community schools gathered in Arnolds Park to discuss some of the people whose names weren't listed on the gravestones near the Abbie Gardner Sharp Cabin, a State Historic Site. The students discussed their research at the Oct. 9 ceremony and unveiled a new marker they raised funds to purchase and install.



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## **Save the Date**

Mark your calendars for next year's Preserve Iowa Summit, set for June 3-5 in Council Bluffs, and let us know if you'd like to present a session or you know someone who might. The deadline for proposals is Nov. 10, so please spread the word.

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## **Programs & Events**

Through Oct. 21: **Iowa Museum Association 2020 Conference: The Power of Real**  
Through Nov. 9: **Featured Tour: Iowa's Presidential Past**  
Through Nov. 23: **Featured Tour: Grant Wood Scenic Byway**  
Through Nov. 23: **Featured Tour: Loess Hills National Scenic Byway**  
Through Dec. 31: **Featured Tour: 20 Artists, 20 Parks**  
Oct. 22: **Iowa History 101: Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines**  
Oct. 29: **Iowa Stories: Andrew Carnegie's Riches in Iowa**  
Nov. 6: **History Alive: Women's Suffrage**  
Nov. 7: **History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault**  
Nov. 12: **Iowa History 101: Iowa and the Great War**  
Nov. 13: **History Alive: Women's Suffrage**  
Nov. 19: **Iowa Stories: Meskwaki Food Sovereignty Initiative**  
Nov. 20: **History Alive; Women's Suffrage**  
Dec. 3: **Iowa Stories: Plagued by Fire: The Dreams and Furies of Frank Lloyd Wright**  
Dec. 5: **History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault**  
Dec. 10: **Iowa History 101: Winter Holidays**

Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.

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